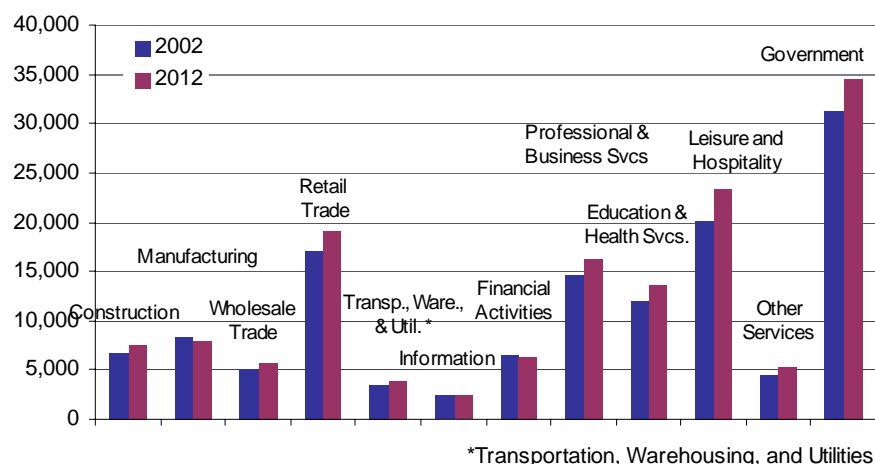


# Monterey County Projection Highlights

## Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Monterey County is expected to grow nearly 1.1 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The projected annual growth rate is lower than the 1.8 percent forecasted for California as a whole. Monterey's employment in 2012 is anticipated to reach 145,900, an increase of 14,000 new jobs. Over 60 percent of all nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Government (24%), Leisure and Hospitality (23%), and Retail Trade (14%).

Below is a graph of the 2002 and projected 2012 employment for the major industry sectors.



Industries recording job losses over the projected period include: Manufacturing (-300) and Financial Activities (-200). Within the Manufacturing sector, the greatest number of job losses is concentrated in Food Manufacturing (-300).

## Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- About 14,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 32,900 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 46,900 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings are expected to generate 28,700 total job openings, almost 61% percent of all job openings in Monterey County during the 2002-2012 period. At the top of the list are various entry-level occupations such as Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, and Waiters and Waitresses, which pay less than \$10 per hour. Also in the top 50 are higher-skilled occupations requiring an associate degree or higher, including Registered Nurses, General Managers, and Secondary School Teachers.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.8 percent or more. Many of the occupations are in the Education, Hi-Tech, and Construction fields. Most of the Educational and Hi-Tech occupations require a bachelor's degree or higher. The Construction-related occupations require a minimum of 1-12 months on-the-job training.

